

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013

Question: E13-121

OUTCOME: 3 - Access to Medical Services

Topic: Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

How do the rebates proposed compare to average dental fees charged at present for similar services by private dentists?

Answer:

Proposed Child Dental Benefits Schedule benefits for the ten most common dental items claimed under private health insurance in 2011-12 are on average 96 per cent of the amounts charged by dentists for those items and claimed under private health insurance.